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**Proposed Project**

Pulmonary Function Testing Course Approval Program, 29 CFR 1910.1043 (OMB No. 0920-0138, Expiration 8/31/2014) – Revision – The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background and Brief Description**

NIOSH has the responsibility under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Cotton Dust Standard, 29 CFR 1920.1043, for approving courses to train technicians to perform pulmonary function testing in the cotton industry. Successful completion of a NIOSH-approved course is mandatory under the standard.

To carry out its responsibility, NIOSH maintains a Pulmonary Function Testing Course Approval Program. The program consists of an application submitted by potential sponsors (universities, hospitals, and private consulting firms) who seek NIOSH approval to conduct courses, and if approved, notification to NIOSH of any course or faculty changes during the approval period, which is limited to five years. The application form and added materials, including an agenda, curriculum vitae, and course materials are reviewed by NIOSH to determine if the applicant has developed a program which adheres to the criteria required in the standard. Following approval, any subsequent changes to the course are submitted by course sponsors via letter or e-mail and reviewed by NIOSH staff to assure that the changes in faculty or course content continue to meet course requirements.

Course sponsors also voluntarily submit an annual report to inform NIOSH of their class activity level and any faculty changes. Sponsors who elect to have their approval renewed for

an additional 5 year period submit a renewal application and supporting documentation for review by NIOSH staff to ensure the course curriculum meets all current standard requirements.

Approved course sponsors that elect to offer NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Courses must submit a separate application and supporting documents for review by NIOSH staff. Institutions and organizations throughout the country voluntarily submit applications and materials to become course sponsors and carry out training. Submissions are required for NIOSH to evaluate a course and determine whether it meets the criteria in the standard and whether technicians will be adequately trained as mandated under the standard. NIOSH will disseminate a one-time customer satisfaction survey to course directors and sponsor representatives to evaluate our service to courses, the effectiveness of the program changes implemented since 2005, and the usefulness of potential Program enhancements.

The annualized figures slightly over-estimate the actual burden, due to rounding of the number of respondents for even allocation over the three-year clearance period. The estimated annual burden to respondents is 201 hours. There are no costs to respondents other than their time.

#### Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondents	Form Name	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response (in hours)
Potential Sponsors	NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Testing Course Application	3	1	3.5
	Annual Report	35	1	30/60
	NIOSH-Example of e-mail request for course change	12	1	45/60
	NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Course Sponsorship Renewal Application	13	1	6
	NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Course Application	10	1	8
	One-Time Customer Satisfaction Survey	23	1	12/60

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